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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/688,371; Filed: October 12, 2000  
For: **Recombinant, Replication Defective CELO Virus  
and CELO Virus DNA**  
Inventors: Cotten *et al.*  
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One return postcard.

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